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***Press Section***

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# ***Press Release***

## ***American film director Debra Granik in Israel***

Acclaimed American film director **Debra Granik** will be in Israel August 2 - 10 as part of a US State Department-sponsored program to promote "Women in Film" in Israel. Granik wrote and directed *Winter's Bone* (Grand Jury Winner, Sundance, 4 Oscar nominations) and *Down to the Bone* (Grand Jury Winner, Sundance). She will be conducting workshops for students at Sam Spiegel Film School and at Minshar, as well as participating in panel discussions with Israeli female filmmakers and screenings of *Winter's Bone* at the Jerusalem Cinematheque (Aug 3), Tel Aviv Cinematheque (Aug 4) and Holon Cinematheque (Aug 6). She will also be meeting with high school students from all over the country from "The Incubator for Outstanding Filmmakers" and a group of filmmakers traveling to the United States in August, the Tel Aviv-Los Angeles partnership. She will finish her trip with a visit to the West Bank to promote women in film among Palestinian female filmmakers.

The Embassy is also running a Facebook Contest: <http://www.facebook.com/U.S.EmbassyTelAvivIsrael>, where the winner will get to have a 1-on-1 coffee with Debra Granik.

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Full schedule follows.

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# US STATE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM: "WOMEN IN FILM"

## WITH SPECIAL GUEST, DIRECTOR DEBRA GRANIK

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 3**

- Morning Master class for students and graduates at Sam Spiegel Film School
- 8:30 pm Reception, Jerusalem Cinematheque patio
- 9:00 pm Discussion with Dr. Odeya Cohen Raz on "Women in Film" followed by screening of *Winter's Bone* (possible additional Q&A afterwards), Jerusalem Cinematheque

#### **Thursday, Aug. 4**

- Morning Sam Spiegel Film School
- 9:00 pm Screening of "Winter's Bone" followed by Q&A session on "Women in Film," Tel Aviv Cinematheque

#### **Saturday, Aug. 6**

- Afternoon Coffee with winner of the "Meet Debra Granik" Facebook contest for young women filmmakers
- 6:00 p.m. Screening of the "Winter's Bone" followed by Q&A session on "Women in Film," Holon Cinematheque

#### **Sunday, Aug. 7**

- Morning Workshop/lecture for the "Incubator" (Hamam Ha-kolnstim Ha-mitstaenim) high school film students from all over Israel
- Afternoon Lecture for Tel Aviv-Los Angeles partnership film master class, in Tel Aviv Cinematheque (filmmakers from all over Israel)
- Evening Lecture for film students at "Minshar For Art" school

#### **Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 8-9**

West Bank Program

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 10** Morning Tour of Ma'aleh Film School, Jerusalem